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V-BELT CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowance dated February 28, 2007 set forth reasons for allowance which are believed to be incomplete.

The Examiner states that claims 2, 4, and 8 are allowed because no prior art was found on the "actuator cover and the transmission case cooperatively forming a wall face for circulating water onto the engine."

This limitation is set forth in allowed claims 2 and 4 but is not specifically set forth in allowed claim 8.

It is requested that the Examiner issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowance to clarify the reasons for allowance for claim 8. In addition, the Examiner is advised that the correct title of this application is "V-BELT TYPE CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION APPARATUS"

If further communication with the Applicant's representative would be useful, the examiner may contact Cart T. Thomsen, Registration No. 50,786, at 703-208-4030 at his convenience.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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